



DPS News

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"It is only when we take chances, when our lives improve. The initial and the most difficult risk that we need to take is to become honest. —Walter Anderson

19th May, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who attended the FODS meeting on Monday evening – it was lovely to have a few more people there and we were able to really get cracking with finer detail on the Summer Fayre which will be held on 24th June. Do please keep a close eye on the FODS pages of the newsletter and offer your help where you can. Many hands really do make light work in events like this and we can make such a difference for our children by doing our bit to support the fundraising effort. Our fundraising effort is focusing on installing a Scrapstore Playpod in the playground to enhance our children's experiences at play and lunch time – please take a look at their website at <https://www.playpods.co.uk/> to see just how brilliant they are.

Health, safety and well being reminder to all please - break time snacks should be kept to pieces of fruit, yogurt tubes, raisins, fruit winders, breakfast bars or NUT FREE cereal bar – crisps, cake bars etc should be saved to enjoy as part of a balanced lunch at lunchtime and chocolate, sweets and particularly nuts should not be in school at all. Also a reminder about Nutella sandwiches that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and therefore there should be no nut products or products derived from nuts in packed lunches or snacks. Thank you for your cooperation in the interest of keeping our children safe and healthy.

We know that, as the evenings continue to get lighter, some parents find it increasingly difficult to ensure their children are settled to sleep at a reasonable hour. Getting enough sleep is such a significant factor in improving a child's ability to focus, learn and regulate their emotions at school. For many children, difficulties falling or staying asleep stem from their daytime habits or how they spend their time in the evening. Eating too much sugary food during the day, for example, or watching TV/playing video games just before bed could be enough to disrupt your child's sleep.

If you have difficulty setting up a routine that enables your child to settle at a suitable bedtime, please contact Julie, our Home School Link Worker, (jenright3@suttonamil.org) who will be able to offer advice and even incentivise your child to follow the bedtime routine you have set up for them.

I hope you have a lovely weekend – and enjoy lots of amazing sleep.

Kind regards

Cathy Bell
Headteacher



DPS ECO

Eco Club finished making their biodegradable bug hotels this week. Placed under bushes, these hotels for bugs will help to encourage the insects vital in our ecosystem. Well done Eco Club.

Make your own bug hotel challenge

Make your own big hotel using reused materials and fill with twigs, leaves and natural biodegradable items. Leave on the ground in your garden or in the bushes and see if any of our insect friends move in. **Send a photo of your bug hotels into school and receive a packet of wild flower seeds!**

Wondered why most grass verges and grass areas are being left to grow long?

No mow May 2023 is a national campaign started in 2019 to encourage people not to mow their lawns until the end of May in order to boost the flowers and nectar available to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies and moths. It also allows spring flowers to set seed and plants to establish themselves in advance of the summer. According to Conservation UK, the UK has lost 97% of its wild meadows in recent history. To find out more www.countryfile.com (No Mo May 2023)



PLANT DONATIONS

Thank you to Mum of Cleo in Amber Class for donating **over 100 plants** to the school for use in Forest School and the Gardening Club. What an amazingly kind and generous gift to give, we look forward to the seeing the results of the children's planting.



DPS Sport



Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket

On their first outing as a team the girls took to the crease at the Girls' Borough Dynamos Competition this week. The format of this competition means that all players get an equal chance to bat, bowl, and of course field, in each game, meaning that it really does need everyone to play their part. The girls managed two wins out of four in the group stage which sadly wasn't quite enough to send them through to the knock out stage but was still a notable achievement and involved some excellent play.

Well done to Taylor, Demi, Emelie, Evie, Evie, Elenia, Antonia, Elsa and Isla (Team Manager).



DPS Notices



We are running the following Crash Courses in the half term.

29/05/2023-02/06/2023

Group lessons:

09:00-09:30 – Stage 1 (3-4 yrs)	09:30-10:00 – Stage 2 (5-6 yrs)
09:00-09:30 – Stage 3 (5-10m)	09:30-10:00 – Stage 4 (10-20m)
10:00-10:30 – Stage 2 (5-6 yrs)	10:30-11:00 – Stage 2 7+ yrs
10:00-10:30 – Stage 5 (20m+)	10:30-11:00 – Stroke Clinics

Price - **£57.85** per week. Payment required in full at time of booking.

Please book in at reception or online.

Private Lessons:

PRICES

1-to-1 - £46.29 per half hour
2-to-1 - £ 28.93 (pp) x 2 = £ 57.86 per half hour
3-to-1 - £ 23.14 (pp) x 3 = £69.42 per half hour

For further information, please contact the Swim Manager, Nancy Clare, at cheamswim@everyoneactive.com



FODS

FODS Summer Fayre Saturday 24th June 11am - 3pm



This week is National PTA week and FODS have been celebrating it by starting to plan the summer fayre, kicking off on Monday with our summer fayre committee meeting. Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting and provided much needed support and ideas. We are pleased to report that the fayre is starting to take shape with a bouncy castle being one of our recent bookings and we will be in a position to provide the class stall volunteer sign up sheets next week.

FODS Mufti Day: Friday 26th May - Jar Mufti for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



If your child is in **Nursery, Reception Year 1 or Year 2** please bring in a filled jar suitable for a prize for the summer fayre on **Friday 26th May** in exchange for your child coming to school in non-uniform. If you're busy you can buy a pre-filled jar and put a bow on it. If you want to keep the children busy get them to decorate a jar with paints or stickers. You can use a clean, empty coffee jar, for example. Ideas to fill the jar include: chocolate, sweets, small toys, cosmetics, potpourri, craft kit, stickers, pens/pencils, mum/dad survival kit, activity ideas, poetry/positive quotes.

Bottle Mufti for year 3, 4, 5 and 6



If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 please bring in a full bottle for the summer fayre tombola on **Friday 26th May** in exchange for your child coming to school in non-uniform. This can be any full bottle which is still in date by the end of June 2023 and it can be non-alcoholic or alcoholic drink or toiletries e.g. a bottle of shower gel etc.

Yes please: unopened, undamaged, in date bottles

No thanks: empty bottles, opened bottles, half consumed bottles, out of date bottles, bottles we can't store, e.g. fresh orange juice.



FODS

Father's Day Shop



Our Father's Day Shop will be on **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June** at the school. Children will be able to buy their father or male carer, one present from our donated father's day gifts if they bring in £2. We are seeking volunteers to help man the shop and wrap the gifts. The volunteering slots are for 1 hour each. Please click on the following link to sign up to volunteering by providing your details when requested: <https://volunteersignup.org/EAR7A> (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work). Thank you for volunteering!

Year 4 and 5 Cake Sales



Thank you to the year 4 parent volunteers on last week's cake stall who made just over £111 and to the year 5 parent volunteers on today's cake stall and everyone who bought cakes.

Treasurer still needed for FODS Committee!

Could you be our next Treasurer? With a clear head for numbers, you will control our FODS funds in line with the Committee's decisions as well as charity law. You will also make sure upcoming events are affordable and profitable and report financial information to the rest of the team. The responsibilities of the Treasurer are to:

Manage the day-to-day finances

- Keep a detailed and accurate record of FODS financial activity
- Report on the finances at meetings in a clear and concise way
- Ensure money is kept safely before and during events
- Bank the takings from events and fundraisers
- Implement procedures for making payments and claiming expenses
- Complete the Charity Commission annual return
- Prepare the financial report for the AGM

Whilst not essential, it would be helpful to have financial experience or an accountancy background. Handover and support will be provided by the outgoing FODS Treasurer and existing FODS members. This role will benefit your CV and is a rewarding volunteering experience where you will meet other parents and teachers and provide you with a unique holistic insight into the school. Please contact us at dorchesterpta@gmail.com to express your interest.



Class Notes

What can you tell us about animals that live in Africa?

This week in Nursery, we have been continuing our topic of animals and talking about the continent of Africa and the animals we might see there. The children have learnt that there are seven continents of the world and focussed on the continent of Africa. We looked at different landmarks such as the Pyramids of Giza and the Sahara Desert. We also looked at the different animals that we would see in Africa such as lions, elephants, gorillas, wildebeests and the African spurred tortoise. We also had a visit from our school's Hermann tortoise 'Tilly.' The children were able to ask Mrs. Cucharo all about what she eats and how to look after her. The children looked at the similarities and differences between Tilly and the larger African Spurred tortoises that they had learnt about.

The children have been using their fine motor skills to thread pasta onto pipe cleaners to make snakes and we have also been using our cooking skills to make cheese straw snakes. This week for maths we have spoken about 2D shapes and we have been using the key vocabulary (straight, flat, round, curved and sides) to describe the different shapes that we can find in our environment.

What would you use to build your house and why?

This week we have been looking out for the Big Bad Wolf as we read the story of the Three Little Pigs. We read the story and then inside and outside, we used different materials to try and build a wall that couldn't be blown down. We retold the story using puppets. In Maths we practised adding two numbers to find a total. We have been using our phonics to write sentences about things that interest us. We have had some lovely pieces about Sonic, Mario, My Little Pony and T Rex. Some children helped to build a Cobb Wall out of straw and mud. We will have to wait until it dries out to see if it has worked!

How can we investigate wind direction?

This week in English we have been learning how to write instructions. We have been using time adverbs and imperative verbs in our writing. We wrote instructions on how to wash our hands, brush our teeth and how to make a smoothie. In Maths, we have been measuring and comparing capacity.

The children learnt about wind direction in Science and began making wind socks so that they can investigate which direction the wind is blowing. In Geography, we looked at the physical and human features of Tocuaro and in RE we learnt about where Hindus go to worship.

How has fire safety changed since 1666?

The children have completed their final SATs booklet - well done Year 2! We know that the children have worked incredibly hard, and we are very proud of them. Around this, they have also done some brilliant learning. In English, we have travelled back in time to 1666, to find out in more detail about the Great Fire of London. The children had to make detailed notes of "who, what, when, where and how" in order to practise writing a newspaper report. In Maths, the children have not only practised and completed their reasoning booklets, but they have also been working on how to interpret statistical data from tally charts, block graphs and pictograms. In Art, the children have edited their collages, adding details through painting and pastels. In Science, we revisited the 'eatwell guide', and drew some meals on our plates which had a balance of food types. In RE, the children talked about why the Qur'an is important to Muslims, and what important rules they think people should live their lives by, and in History, we explored how fire safety has changed since 1666, comparing then to now.



Class Notes

How can you make a Sprite draw an octagon?

This week, Year 4 have been writing newspaper reports about fictional stories to do with school. They have focused on writing using a formal tone and including the 5ws (who, what, where, when and why). In Maths, they have been comparing, ordering and rounding decimals and have done a fantastic job! For our Art topic, we have been experimenting with rubbings to make a frottage and looking at different abstract ways to create a range of pieces. In RE, we have looked at the inside of a Buddhist temple and identified the common features between them. We wrote codes to make Sprites draw shapes in Computing and looked at changing and editing existing codes to also do this.

What makes a persuasive argument effective?

This week in Year 5, we have been working on preparing some interesting pieces of writing from the perspective of different characters in 'The Boy in the Dress'. The writing focus is to use persuasive techniques but also to write in a way that conveys the characters they are writing as – ask your children this weekend what ways they are implementing to ensure they convey their character's traits. In Maths, we have been looking at data handling and reading tables, the main challenge here being not the mathematics, but actually the reading and interpreting the data from a variety of different types of table – it has been making us really think and focus hard, scrutinising all data points! In DT, we have been working on how to design and prepare a 'doodler' product: considering design, form, function and purpose. In PE, we have been playing kwik cricket, working on our batting and bowling skills, and also how to field the ball effectively.

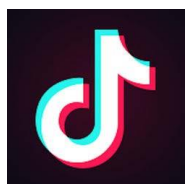


Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Safety

What is Voxer? If you're scratching your head, it's time to read up on the trendy new social media apps kids are using. Friending your child on Facebook is now just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to online safety. Click through to see some of the sites and new apps tweens and teens are flocking to these days, and get useful tips for protecting your child from cyberbullying and other online safety hazards. Also, check out these [10 apps that can help you monitor your child online](#).

TikTok



Purpose: TikTok is an app for creating and sharing short videos. Users can create short music videos of 3 to 15 seconds and short looping videos of 3 to 60 seconds. It encourages users to express themselves creatively through video. Special effects can be added to the videos.

Why Parents Should Be Worried: Thirteen is the minimum age, but there isn't a real way to validate age so anyone can download the app. Also, parents express concern that there is a lot of inappropriate language in the videos so it's not appropriate for young children. Lastly, by default, all accounts are set to public so strangers can contact your children.

For more information on Tiktok, check out our [Complete Parent's Guide to TikTok](#).

GamePigeon



Purpose: GamePigeon is a gaming app designed for iOS devices that can specifically be used within the Messages app. Available games range from 8 Ball to Checkers to Four in a Row to Word Hunt. It has received positive feedback for allowing introverted people to play games with others in multiplayer format and for providing distanced entertainment throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Why Parents Should Be Worried: This app has in-app purchasing available so younger children can easily run up significant bills without realizing what they are doing. Parents may also want to establish time limits during the use of this app if they are concerned about screen time.

See more apps to be aware of here <https://www.familyeducation.com/entertainment-activities/online/a-complete-guide-to-potentially-dangerous-apps-all-parents-should-be-aware-of>

Are you worried about a child?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/spotting-signs-child-abuse/>

If you think a child could be at risk of significant harm, you can call the children's social care team at the council in Sutton ([Go to their website](#))

[020 8770 6001](tel:02087706001) (Monday to Friday, 9am and 5pm) [020 8770 5000](tel:02087705000) (out of hours)

Always call 999 in an emergency



Sutton Spring/
Summer Menu 2023

WEEK ONE

17 April
8 May
5 June
26 June
17 July
28 August
18 September
9 October

Option one	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges 🍷	*Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🌱	*Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	*BBQ Chicken with Rice 🍷	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option two	Crunchy Topped Vegetable Bake with New Potatoes 🌱	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake 🍷	NEW Sweet Potato & Spinach Fian with Roast Potatoes	BBQ Vegan Quorn with Rice 🌱	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce 🌱
Vegetables	Broccoli Roasted Tomatoes	Green Beans Carrots	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Broccoli Peas	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	NEW Syrup Snap Biscuit with Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly with Peaches 🌱	Freshly Fruit Salad 🌱	Iced Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie with Yoghurt 🍷

WEEK TWO

24 April
15 May
12 June
3 July
4 September
25 September
16 October

Option one	Macaroni Cheese	*Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	*Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	*Chef's Special Chicken Karma with Rice 🍷	MSC Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option two	Vegan Meatball Pasta Bake 🌱	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges 🌱	Potato and Courgette Layer Bake	Vegetable Wellington with New Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	NEW BEET Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce 🌱
Vegetables	Broccoli Roasted Tomatoes	Peas Carrots	Cabbage Green Beans	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Baked Beans
Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake	NEW Cornflake Tart 🌱	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins 🌱	Peach Crumble with Custard 🍷	Chocolate Shortbread with Yoghurt

WEEK THREE

1 May
22 May
19 June
10 July
11 September
2 October

Option one	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	*Spaghetti Bolognese 🌱	*Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Yamas! NEW *Greek Chicken Pita with Seasoned Wedges or NEW Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Seasoned Wedges	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 🌱 🍷	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese 🌱	Vegan Quorn with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Roasted Peppers Green Beans	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Carrots Green Beans	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Carrots	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Peaches with Ice Cream	Carrot & Courgette Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad 🌱		Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

MENU KEY

Added Plant Power

Wholemeal

Vegan

Chef's Special

* Halal Alternative Available

Available Daily:

- Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised), freshly baked bread, organic yogurt, a selection of fruit and salads.

Allergy Information

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please contact the School Office. You will be asked to complete the Caterlink special diets allergy form and provide NHS medical evidence of the allergies or intolerances before your child can receive a school meal. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

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Willow Club our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club can be contacted in the following ways:

- Places are available for after school club for the remainder of this term. Just visit The Willow Club Wrap Around Care page on the school website to book - <https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=The+Willow+Club+Wrap%2Daround+Care&pid=64&action=saved>
- Bookings for **half term** and **Summer Willow Club** holiday club sessions are available on the school website at
 - <https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/club/?pid=64&catid=2>

The Summer holiday club will run each day from Monday 24th July until to Friday 4th August inclusive. There will be a range of outdoor and indoor play, craft activities and sports to keep the children entertained safely whilst you work or just enjoy some downtime.

The club runs from 8:30 - 5:00 and costs £30 for a full day and £15 for a half day (8:30 - 12:30 or 1:00 - 5:00)
We look forward to welcoming your child/ren to the club.

The contact number for the club is 07597-382949.

Please note that bookings need to be made and paid for in advance of your child attending the sessions. We have had several children attending the club without bookings which means we may have insufficient food, staff or resources for them. Thank you for your understanding.

DPS Diary

23 rd May	Year 2 Tower of London trip 1 KS2 Maths Quiz
24 th May	Year 2 Tower of London trip 2 Year 1 Hinduism workshop 1.300-2.30pm
25 th May	Year 2 Tower of London trip 3
26 th May	- - - Last day of Summer 1 before Half term - - - Non uniform day EYFS/KS1 bring a jar, KS2 bring a bottle (12 th May Non uniform day was an error!)
29 th May – 2 nd June	- - - HALF TERM - - -
Monday 5 th June	- - - INSET Day - - -
Tuesday 6 th June	First day of Summer 2 term
14 – 15 th June	FODS Fathers Day Shop Event
16 th June	Borough Sports
22 nd June	New Reception parents meeting 7pm-815pm
Saturday 24 th June	FODS Summer Fair
26 th June	Year 5 Assembly
28 th June	SEND Coffee Afternoon with Sheena and Julie 1.30-3pm
5 th July	Move up morning – meet your new teacher Year 3 Ukulel Concert for parents/carers 2.30-3pm
Thursday 6 th July	Junior Juke Winners Gala Party 2 – 3pm Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm New Nursery Parents meeting evening 7pm-815pm
7 th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
10 th – 14 th July	Year 6 Residential
10 th July	Reception Junior Duke Winners Party 2.15 – 3pm
11 th July	SATS Results Published
13 th July	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day
14 th July	Reception and KS1 Sports Day
17 th July	Talent Show 1.30pm
18 th July	9-10am Music Recital Talent Show 1.30-3pm Nursery Come and Play 3.45-5.45pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Last day of term for Nursery Platinum Reading Breakfast

Thursday 20 th July	<p>--- Last day of term ---</p> <p>Year 6 Water Fight!</p> <p>Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am</p>
Friday 21 st July	<p>--- INSET Day ---</p>